

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

By this amendment, claims 18-27 and 36 remain pending, claims 14-16 having been newly canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to prosecute claims 14-16 in a continuation application.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants thank the Examiner for agreeing that claims 18-27 and 36 are allowed

**Rejected Claims 14-16**

On page 2 of the non-final Office Action of May 18, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants canceled claims 14-16 without prejudice or disclaimer thereby making the rejection moot. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 14-16 be withdrawn.

**CONCLUSION**

Having addressed all rejections, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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